

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 58

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Carlette Hardin of Austin Peay State University on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in higher education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carlette Hardin is one such estimable person who, having served Austin Peay State University (APSU) with distinction for thirty-five years, is now taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Carlette Hardin joined the faculty of Austin Peay State University in a life-changing move that would positively impact the entire university; and

WHEREAS, Carlette Hardin began her illustrious career as an assistant professor in the Developmental Studies Program; soon after completing her doctorate at Vanderbilt in 1984, she became the director of that program; and

WHEREAS, by 1993, Dr. Hardin was the director of the Division of Freshmen Transition and had attained the position of professor in Developmental Education; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated teacher, researcher, and public servant, Dr. Hardin has made countless presentations, written numerous articles, and authored four books, one of which was recently published in Korean and Chinese; and

WHEREAS, during the reorganization of the College of Education in the early 2000s, Dr. Hardin was an invaluable fount of institutional knowledge and provided leadership as director of Clinical Teaching Experiences and coordinator of Graduate Programs; and

WHEREAS, as interim director, Dr. Hardin deftly accumulated and organized the necessary data to ensure the school's accreditation by NCATE; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hardin brings out the best in her faculty and actively encourages collaboration and creativity within the college and across campus; she has created a culture of collegiality and community in the College of Education, and that will be her legacy; and

WHEREAS, Carlette Hardin has been honored with all of the "Big Three" awards at Austin Peay: the Richard M. Hawkins Award for Research, the Outstanding Faculty Community Service Award, and the National Alumni Association Distinguished Professor Award; and

WHEREAS, she has served higher education as president of the National Association for Developmental Education and the Tennessee Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and her community on the board of directors of the United Way and the Crisis Call Line; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Carlette Hardin is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Billy; son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Debbie; and two grandchildren, Drew and Avery; she enjoys reading and traveling, but does not care for exercise; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Dr. Hardin has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues, students, and the entire Austin Peay community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Carlette Hardin our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors, as we pay tribute to her thirty-five years of meritorious service to Austin Peay State University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.